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Earthworms/Earth-heroes at OCL branches

TOMS RIVER - The Ocean County Library will host "Worms: Heroes of the Earth," a program presented by the Ocean County Soil Conservation District, to teach children the important part worms play in sustaining the earth at 13 branches this July and August.

Led by Becky Laboy, an education and outreach specialist, "Worms: Heroes of the Earth" will help kids understand composting, decomposing, and how worms assist with the process. Children ages 4 to 9 will learn how worms create soil, help sustain the plants that create the air we breathe, and keep our water clean.

The program is a part of Ocean County Soil Conservations District's "International Year of Soil" celebration. The OCSCD seeks to inform the public how to conserve and protect our soil.

"Worms: Heroes of the Earth" will be held at the following branches:

Lacey, 10 East Lacey Rd., 609-693-8566, 10:30 a.m. Tue. June 30, Tuckerton, 380 Bay Ave., 609-296-1470, 2 p.m. Wed. July 1, Pt. Pleasant Beach, 710 McLean Ave., 732-892-4575, 11 a.m. Mon. July 6, Stafford, 129, N Main Street, Manahawkin, 609-597-3381, 10:30 a.m. Tue. July 7, Plumsted, 119 Evergreen Rd., 609-758-7888, 1:30 p.m. Thu. July 9, Barnegat, 112 Burr St., 609-698-3331, 3 p.m. Tue. July 14, Toms River, 101 Washington Street, 732-349-6200, 2 p.m. Wed, July 22, Little Egg Harbor, 290 Mathistown Road, 609-294-1197, 11 a.m. Thu. July 23, Long Beach Island, 217 S. Central Ave., Surf City, 609-494-2480, 11 a.m. Tue. July 28, Beachwood, 126 Beachwood Blvd., 732-244-4573, 3 p.m. Thu. July 30, Brick, 301 Chambers Bridge Road, 732-477-4513, 3:30 p.m. Thu. August 6, Waretown, 112 Main St., 609-693-5133, 3 p.m. Sat. August 8, Lakewood, 301 Lexington Ave., 732-363-1435, 3:30 p.m. Fri. August 28

The program is free and open to the public but registration is required. To register call the branch or go to the library website: www.theoceancountylibrary.org .